

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
6:00 PM, December 24, 2017

**(Please, rise in body or spirit as you are able)*

Prelude: “*Jesu, Son Most Sweet and Dear*” - Community Church Choir

Welcome
Lighting Our Flaming Chalice
Opening Words

Carol: “*Veni, Veni Emanuel*” Community Church Choir
*Hymn of Invocation # 225 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
*Responsive Reading # 653 “Resurgence of Joy”

Lessons: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Micah 5:2-4
Carol: # 246 “Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem”

Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38
Responsive Reading # 619 “*Magnificat*”
Carol: # 232 “The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem”

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21
Carol: “Masters In the Hall” - Community Church Choir

Lesson: Luke 2:8-20
Carol: # 231 Angels We Have Heard on High”

Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11
Carol: “What Child Is This?” Traditional.

Responsive Reading: “Let Us Be That Stable“ (See screen)
Carol: “Coventry Carol” Community Church Choir

Reading: “Come Christmas,” by Rev. Maureen Killoran
Carol: # 244 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Reading: “Why Not a Star” by Rev. Margaret Gooding
Carol: “For So the Children Come” - Community Church Choir & Rev. Patrick Price

“Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem,” by Dr. Maya Angelou. Rev. Patrick Price

Communion of Light:
(Please stay seated until time for you to receive the Light. The ushers will bring the Christmas candles’ light to the seated congregation, starting at the front and moving to the rear of the sanctuary. As the light is shared among us, candle to candle, from the end of the rows inward, () please stand as you are able to share in the Communion of Light. Please, tilt only unlit candles when lighting them. Please keep all lit candles pointing upwards, helping others to be careful. Please remain standing, as you are willing and able during “Silent Night.”) **Thank you.***

*Carol “Silent Night” (See screen)
(After last verse is sung, please hum until all candles are lit)

*Sending Our Light Out into the World
*Benediction

Postlude: "Time to Sing: A Noel" by Mary Val Marsh, Community Church Choir
Reception – Founders Hall

*(Please help children and be careful of hot wax.
Return candles to baskets in the Foyer and Founders Hall)*

Celebrant: the Rev. Patrick Price
Liturgist: the Rev. Jennifer Innis
Worship Associate: Cheri’ Naquin
Chalice Lighting: Lex Coulonge
Ushers: Mike Reynolds, Victoria Rachel
Choir Director and Pianist: Christopher Wolff, Community UU Church Choir
Sound/Lighting Operator: David West
Service Materials : Jeannette Baillie
Service Oversight: Elena Westbrook
Reader Recruitment and Cood: Sandy Farlow
Readers: Deb & Bob Bliss, Stephanie Dorman, Jason Spencer, Jo Howser Michael Meadows,
Robin Coulonge, Rob Saxon

Up coming worship services:

10:30 AM, Sunday, December 31, 2017 – “Turnings” – Guest Speaker – Sarah Reiling
10:30 AM, Sunday, January 7, 2018 – Guest Speaker – Dotty Storer